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AFCASSOWARY/29 Proposal for Operations in the UK

See paragraph 6

28 November 1960

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1. Summary: AECASSOWARY 29 has broached to us his interest in initiating operational activity in the UK. Because of the realities affecting unilateral operations in that country, we do not consider his proposals feasible and have therefore instructed him to undertake no action in this connection.

2. From his survey trip to England in early October, AECASSOWARY 29 believes REDSKIN potential among the Ukrainian emigre groups there is sufficient to warrant his establishing operational contacts among them. He has proposed first that he select, recruit and train a Ukrainian emigre spotter to develop REDSKIN leads among those groups. Later, AECASSOWARY 29 would intend to move in himself at an appropriate time to assess, recruit and train for REDSKIN missions those leads approved by KUBARK.

3. AECASSOWARY 29's plans here are basically the same as for operations elsewhere in Europe. They appear consistent with Reference Paragraph 7 (which, however, refers only to "Western Europe" and not specifically to the UK) and might conceivably lead to interesting operational opportunities. In passing, we might note that while we intend for reasons of efficiency and economy to emphasize operations in Germany to AECASSOWARY 29, we recognize also that it is not Headquarters intent to prevent his operating elsewhere in Europe, especially where promising leads exist.

4. The agent's plans for operating in the UK, however, constitute a special case, in that they clearly are subject to what we understand to be KUBARK policy on unilateral operational activity in that country. As you are aware, our present SOP requires that the ☐ be informed in advance and provided data on the proposed operation adequate to permit prior coordination in detail with SMOTH. We have encountered few problems to date in our adherence to this procedure, although we clearly expose personnel and operations to SMOTH only when action within the UK is in fact essential. The cooperation of the ☐ has at all times been highly professional and gratifying.

5. Broadly speaking, there appear to be only the following two ways in which AECASSOWARY 29 operational activity in the UK might be undertaken:

a. In accordance with the SOP referred to above: Leaving aside the question as to whether it is desirable to reveal to SMOTH our sponsorship of AECASSOWARY 29 (and, by extension, of AERODYNAMIC operations as a whole), we do not believe SMOTH would consent to the agent's operating on a continuing basis among the Ukrainian emigration in the UK. London Station and WE Division will of course be able to comment authoritatively on this point.

b. Without coordination with SMOTH: While theoretically AECASSOWARY 29 might operate "black" in the UK, we do not consider his doing so a feasible course of action. It would not be long before his activities would come to the attention of SMOTH, and KUBARK sponsorship would be exposed. The risk of this grave embarrassment to KUBARK (and ODYOKE) would outweigh by far any possible operational product.

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